Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-003 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERC of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 129249-2 In re Application of Ming Li et al. **Application Number** 08/974,179 IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS ALUMINUM SHEET TRIMMING Examiner_C. Dexter Group Art Unit 3724 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) 390 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$_ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, 500859 or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 3700 MAIL ROOM I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the | | applicant/inventor assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)_ WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. 8/13/01 Signature Date 08974179

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